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SUBJ: ROUNDUP OF RESUMED 55TH ECOSOC

1. NEWLY EXPANDED ECOSOC OF 54 MEMBERS MET BRIEFLY FOR A FOUR DAY RESUMED 55TH SESSION. MAJOR AIM OF UNITED STATES IN BRIEF SESSION WAS TO ACCUMULATE SUPPORT FOR WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC) PROPOSED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER. UNITED STATES SUCCEEDED IN GETTING CONSENSUS DECISION RECOMMENDING THAT THE GA CONVENE A WFC IN 1974 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN. RAPID ECOSOC ACTION REFLECTS RECOGNITION OF URGENCY OF PROBLEM SINCE A WORLD CONFERENCE NORMALLY WOULD REQUIRE TWO YEARS OR MORE TO MOUNT.

2. ECOSOC ALSO GAVE WARM RECEPTION TO MCNAMARA'S REPORT ON WORLD BANK'S ACHIEVING OF GOALS OF DOUBLING LENDING IN PAST FIVE YEARS AND OUTLINE FOR FURTHER EXPANSION OF ACTIVITIES IN NEXT FIVE YEARS. SEVERAL

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DELS AND OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FRAZAO EXPRESSED

DESIRE TO INTEGRATE BANK'S VIEWS IN 1975 MID-TERM REVIEW
AND APPRAISAL OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS DURING SECOND
DEVELOPMENT DECADE. MCNAMARA RESPONDED WITH AGREEMENT
TO COOPERATE.

3. ECOSOC WENT THROUGH OTHER AGENDA ITEMS AND
ELECTIONS WITH MINIMUM OF DISCUSSION. FOR EXAMPLE,
CONTROVERSIAL ITEM ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER
NATURAL RESOURCES WAS PASSED TO COMMITTEE 2 OF GA
FOR FURTHER ACTION, AND REPORTS ON WORLD FOOD PROGRAM,
AND UN UNIVERSITY SIMILARLY WERE NOTED AND PASSED
TO GA. VICE CHAIRMAN KARHILO OF FINLAND AND OTHER
DELS EXPRESSED HOPE MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN IN
PREPARING FOR FUTURE ECOSOC SESSIONS TO PREVENT ECOSOC
FROM SERVING ONLY AS MAIL DROP FOR SUCH SUBSTANTIVE
ITEMS.
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